

MINUTES OF THE CO-OPERATIVE COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIA
HELD AT THE VINES RESORT, PERTH
ON WEDNESDAY, WEDNESDAY, 5 APRIL 1995
COMMENCING AT 9.52am

ATTENDANCE

Frank O'Connor	WA	(in the Chair)
Tony Gill	Vic	
Jordan Rigby	NSW	
Don Kinnersley	NSW	
Lou Raiteri	Qld	
Jim Howard	Qld	

Apologies

Garry Cronan	NSW
David Osgood	SA

FINALISATION OF FORMAL STRUCTURE

Discussion was undertaken on the chairmanship of the National Co-operative Council. Moved on the motion by Jordan Rigby that the current chairman's term be extended by 12 months. Tony Gill suggested that the formal structure be finalised before such motion be passed. Mr Rigby withdrew his motion.

Documents were tabled, containing samples of the potential rules for the organisation to operate under.

CONSTITUTION AND RULES OF THE CO-OPERATIVE FEDERATION OF AUSTRALIA

Discussion was undertaken regarding adoption by the National Co-operative Council of the suggested Constitution. The Council moved into committee to discuss this matter. Jordan Rigby moved that the name of the council be changed to the Co-operative Council of Australia, seconded by Lou Raiteri.

Tony Gill queried the revival of the Co-operative Federation of Australia. Jordan Rigby amended his previous motion to suggest that the committee revive the Co-operative Federation of Australia, change its name and make minor changes to its rules, seconded by Lou Raiteri. Mr Gill expressed his concern over the Council making decisions affecting the Constitution without conferring with the representative councils involved.

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

Election of President, Vice President and Executive Member to be undertaken at a later time. The Council moved out of committee to continue with the Agenda.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The following additional item of business was added to item 8, General Business:-

- Asia Pacific

MINUTES

The following amendments were approved under the heading of Education and Training on the motion of Tony Gill and Jordan Rigby:-

That the words Asia Pacific Institute be replaced with Asia Pacific Co-operative Training Centre and the initials API be replaced with Asia Pacific Co-operative Training Centre.

BUSINESS ARISING

Don Kinnersley suggested a minute regarding Asia Pacific Co-operative Training Centre. It was pointed out that, without the support of the co-operatives, that the APCTC will no longer be able to operate. Various solutions were discussed regarding alternative training. Tim Dyce of the APCTC is concerned that co-operative members are out-sourcing training. Don Kinnersley advised the meeting that Tim Dyce was also concerned regarding the lack of training being put through the APCTC, due to the lack on interest in the courses provided.

REPORT ON THE FEBRUARY MEETING BETWEEN NSW, QLD AND VIC STATE FEDERATIONS AND STATE REGISTRARS.

Don Kinnersley suggested that some form of formal monitoring be done on the draft bill. It was suggested that a special committee be put together to create a draft bill to be presented to all individual states. New South Wales and Victoria help support Queensland in this development of a joint working party between the Registrars and the co-operatives. Motion by Jordan Rigby that the representatives from the Co-operative Council of Australia on such working party be Tony Gill, JH and Lou Raiteri with the view of assisting Queensland in developing a submission of co-operative legislation, such party to also include a representative of the New South Wales registrar, seconded by Lou Raiteri. Motion passed unanimously.

DRAFT BILL

The Council was advised that such a document exists and it was agreed that the committee endeavour to obtain copies of the draft bill on the motion Tony Gill and Jordan Rigby. Action to be taken by Frank O'Connor as Chairman who will write to Garry Cronan, Secretary, of the Standards Committee of Attorney's General working party.

STATE SUBMISSIONS FOR CONSIDERATIONS

Each State to sort out who they believe their co-operatives are, regardless of what legislation they have registered under. Correspondence to be sent by Frank O'Connor to Garry Cronan, enquiring as to the development of the National database.

PLUNKETT FOUNDATION

Tony Gill updated the Council of the developments in this proposal. Catalogues have been bought, detailing products in Europe. The whole catalogue is to be made available to co-operatives and items can be mail ordered. Publications will be sold to non-members at advertised retail prices, 10% discount to members, 20% discount to other organisations who will resell these products. Catalogues will be forwarded on as soon as the necessary amendments have been completed.

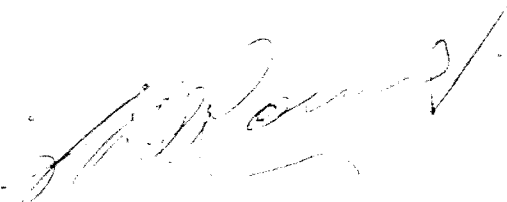
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The Council moved into committee to discuss the Constitution and Rules of the Co-operative Council of Australia.

On the motion Jordan Rigby, seconded by Lou Raiteri, it was moved that the amendments for the Constitution be incorporated in a new set of rules which shall be referred to as the Constitution and Rules of the Co-operative Council of Australia (see Annex A).

Don Kinnersley moved and Tony Gill seconded that the Chairman for the next two years be the Western Australia representative, Frank O'Connor.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 6.45pm.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Tony Gill', is written over a faint horizontal line.